

In the Drawings

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to FIG. 9 (now FIGs. 9a1-9c2), FIG. 11 (now FIGs. 11-1 through 11-10), and FIG. 12 (now FIGs. 12a through 12e).

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 were pending when last examined. Claims 1, 4, 5, 9, 11, and 18 are amended. Claims 21-34 are canceled, and Claims 35-43 are newly added.

Election/Restrictions

The Office Action of June 29, 2005 issued a restriction requirement dividing the claims between Group I (Claims 1-20) and Group II (Claims 21-34) on the basis that the inventions are distinct.

Claims 21-34 in Group II are hereby canceled.

Oath/Declaration

A new declaration identifying the application by serial number and filing date is attached hereto. The new Declaration identifies the foreign application from which priority is claimed and provides the citizenship of the inventor.

Drawings

Replacement drawings are provided herewith.

Specification

The Abstract is amended to take out legal phraseology such as "comprises" and "means." A new title has been provided above.

The section titled Brief Description of the Drawings has been amended to reflect the renumbering of the figures.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §112

Claims 4, 5, and 17-19 are rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In Claim 4, the phrase "a loading aid" has been amended to "the loading aid." The language around the word "preferably" has been deleted.

Claim 5 has been amended to recite “the load carrier.”

Claims 17-19 were rejected for failing to recite any structural or mechanical relationship with the subject matter of Claim 1. These rejections are moot in light of the amendment made to Claim 1.

Claim 18 was rejected for the additional reason that it recites “the tray,” which has insufficient antecedent basis. Claim 18 has been rewritten to include all the elements of the pre-amendment Claim 1 from which it depended, and to include structural connections to “a tray.”

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 8-11, 14, 15, and 20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has been rewritten to include all the elements of Claim 8 and is now in condition for allowance. Claims 9-11 and 20 depend from Claim 1 and are therefore also in condition for allowance.

Claim 14 has been rewritten in independent form and renumbered as new Claim 35. Claim 35, thus, is in condition for allowance.

Claim 18 was indicated to be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 USC §112 and in an independent form. Claim 18 is now in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 12, 13, 16, 17, and 19 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,733,098 and/or DE 4,213,351. These rejections are moot in light of the amendments presented above.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over DE 4,213,351 in view of DE 3,814,101. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over DE 4,213,351 in view of CH 435,116. As Claims 2 and 5 depend from Claim 1, which is the same as Claim 8 in the previously-reviewed version of the claim listings, these rejections are moot.

New Claims

Claims 35-43 are newly added. Claim 35 is an independent version of the old Claim 14, which was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 36-43 depend from Claim 35 and are therefore also allowable. New Claims 36-40 are similar to original Claims 2-6, and new Claims 41, 42, and 43 are similar to original Claims 15, 16, and 20 except that the new claims depend from Claim 35.

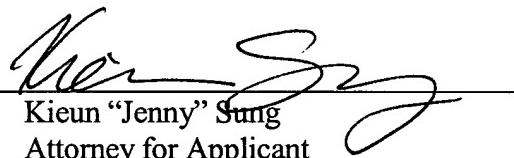
Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Claims 1-6, 9-11, 15-20, and 35-43 are now in condition for allowance. Please telephone the undersigned attorney at (650) 833-2121 if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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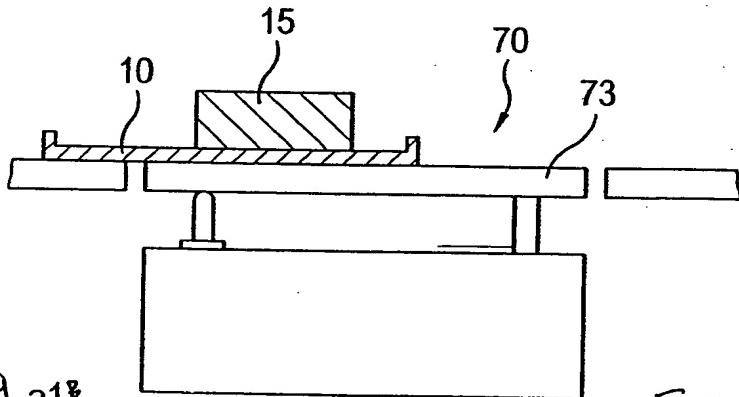


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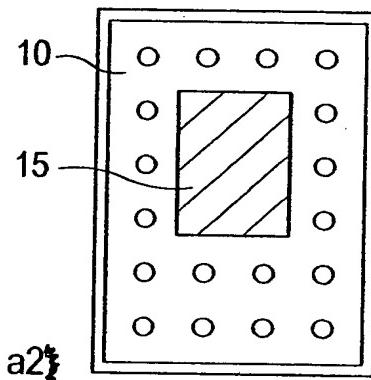


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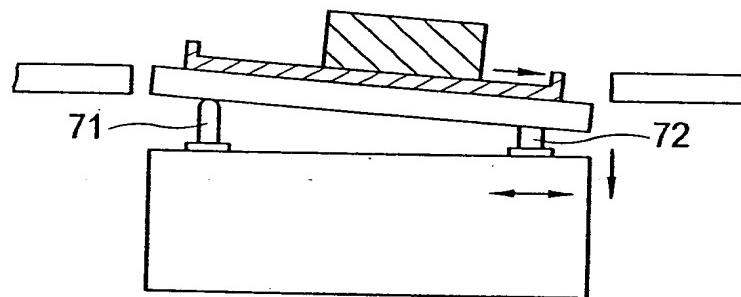


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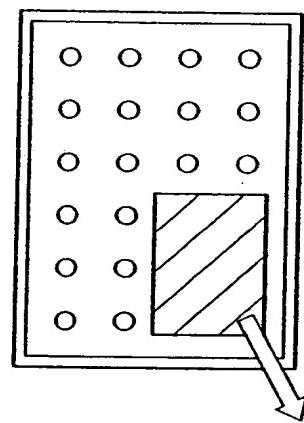


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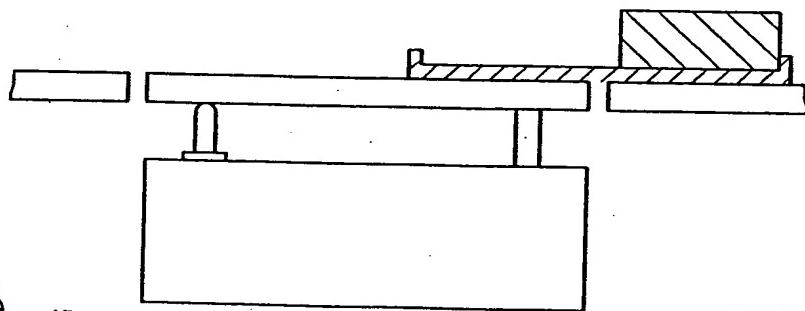


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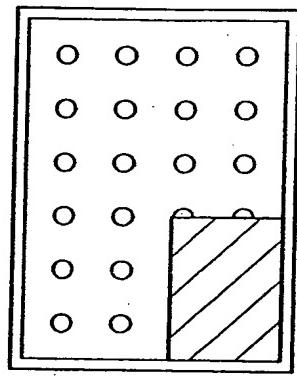
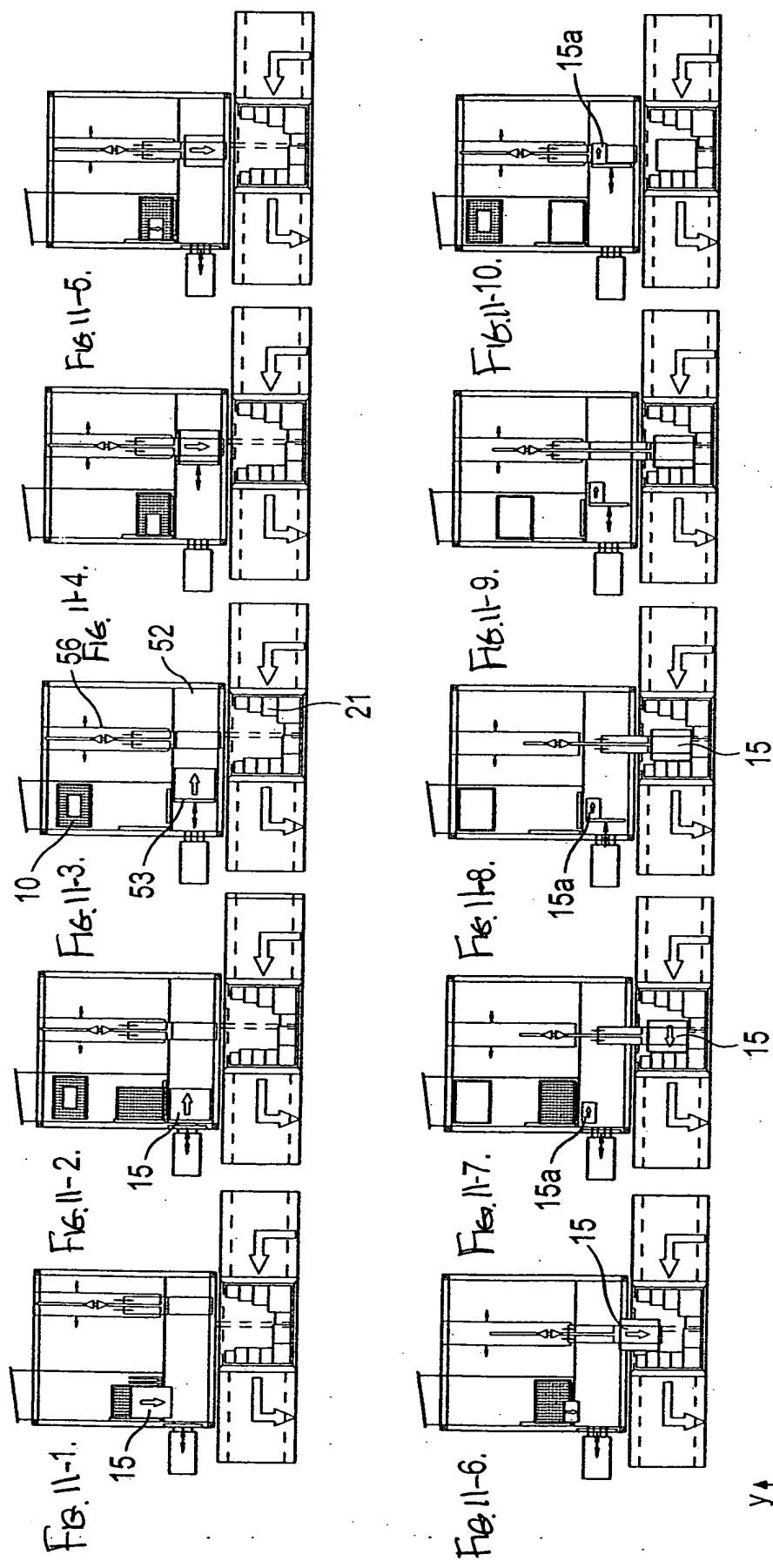


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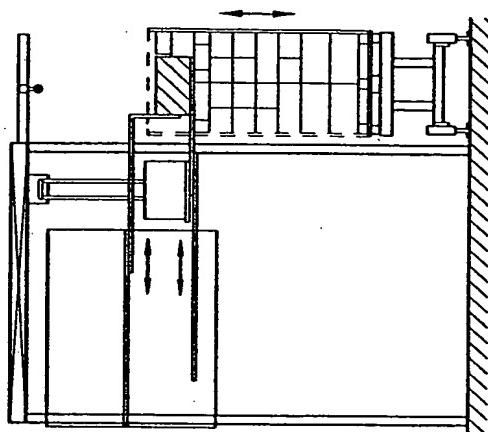


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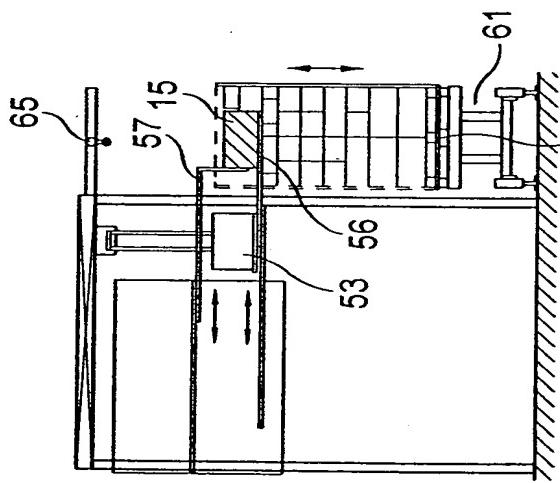


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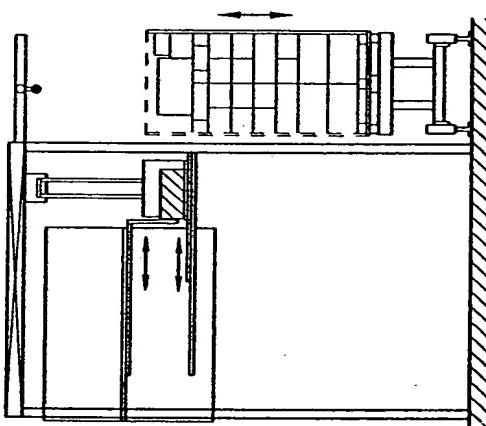


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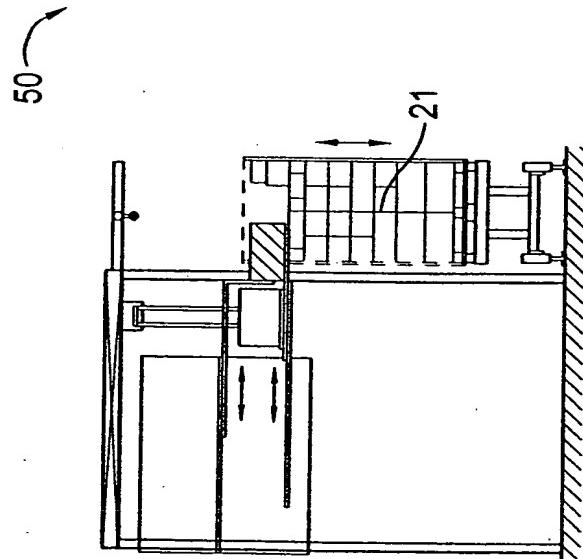


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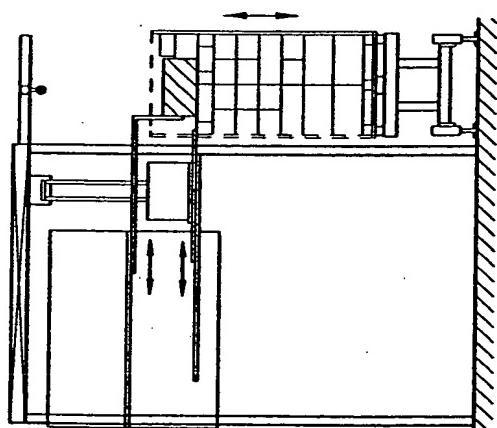


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